

PATENT  
450100-03152**REMARKS**

Claims 1-22 are allowed. Prosecution on the merits has been closed; and the Examiner requires amendments to the independent claims to remove therefrom the pronoun "it."

Claims 1, 8, 13, 19 and 21, all of the independent claims, have been amended to conform with the Examiner's requirement.

Accordingly, it is believed all of the Examiner's objections have been addressed and satisfied; and this application is in condition for allowance.

An early Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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